

# The Messenger

March 2012

## SUNDAY, MARCH 4

### COMMUNION

We will celebrate Holy Communion during our worship service on March 4. After worship, everyone is welcome to bring a delicious dessert and a join us for Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall. Please stay with us after worship for fun fellowship and lively discussions.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

### TWILIGHTERS

The Twilighters will meet on March 14 at 12:00 pm for their monthly meeting. "Admission" is one pot-luck dish to share. We welcome you to come and join us for lunch.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 11

### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

Time to spring ahead – Daylight Savings Time begins on March 11. So be sure to set your clock ahead so you won't miss a word of Pastor Penny's uplifting message. ☺

## SUNDAY, MARCH 18

### OGHS SPECIAL MISSION OFFERING

We will gather our offering for One Great Hour of Sharing on Sunday, March 18. Envelopes will be in the pews for you to contribute to this UCC sponsored offering.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 25

### LAY PREACHER LEADS SERVICE

Pastor Penny will be on vacation from March 19 to 25 which means that we have the opportunity to again have our Sunday Worship Service lead by Dave Horensky. Dave always has a terrific message so be sure to come hear it.

## WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

### SUPPER AND SERVICE

We are again preparing Lenten suppers on the Wednesday evenings during Lent. These light meals will be shared in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm. We will then gather at 7:00 pm in the church for service. A sheet is on the table in the narthex for those who will volunteer to prepare meals. Our Lenten meals and services are open to everyone and we welcome you to come and join us. Whether you can come for supper or not, please gather with us for worship.



## OPERATION SNOWFLAKE

If our Worship Services need to be cancelled due to bad weather, please tune in to radio stations WARM, Magic 93, 97BHT, 97.9X, or JR93.7.

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## From The Pastor's Desk

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Here we are at the beginning of our Lenten journey to the cross. During this time we are given extra opportunities for fellowship with our fellow church members and time to worship together. We had a great turnout for our Ash Wednesday service and hopefully that will continue throughout this season. We meet for fellowship and supper at six and go into worship at seven.

The messages that you hear during this time will be on "Soul Food". You know I am from the South and do know a good bit about that subject. When my mother was alive and I would go to visit her in Alabama she would always ask me what I wanted to eat. She would say, "You don't have to tell me fried chicken, I know you want that." She knew me pretty well.

The subject of "Soul Food" might be approached from different angles during this season and I invite and encourage you to come hear what they may be.

### People

**People are like stained-glass windows.  
They sparkle and shine when the sun is out,  
but when the darkness sets in,  
their true beauty is revealed only  
if there is a light from within.**

*....by Elizabeth Kübler-Ross*

Come to hear, come to enjoy, come to grow in the love and knowledge of Christ and to develop your inward light that shines out for others to see.

God bless!

Pastor Penny



### *Thank You*

Letters expressing thanks for our continued support are on the bulletin board in the bell tower from Lancaster Theological Seminary and Phoebe-Devitt Homes. They gratefully acknowledge our monthly donations so that they can continue to support those they serve.

The residents of the Wilkes-Barre Veterans Administration Medical Center were very grateful to receive all those Valentines for Vets. Cindy says this year she distributed the most Valentines we ever sent. Thanks for supporting our Vets.

### **CONGREGATIONAL CORNER**

#### **TWILIGHTERS LUNCH**

The Twilights will meet on March 14 at 12:00 for lunch. Come join us for food and fellowship.

#### **ALTAR FLOWER CHART**

The chart for the altar flowers is on the table in the Narthex. The price is still \$12.50 per vase. Please pay Mary or Jim Rinehimer for the dates you sponsor.

## OGHS SPECIAL OFFERING

One Great Hour of Sharing, the refugee, relief and development offering of the United Church of Christ, transforms lives through health, education, agricultural, and emergency relief initiatives in 138 countries. This year we will gather this offering on Sunday, March 18. For more information on how the funds are used, please check the map and stories on the wall in the Fellowship Hallway. Please give generously.

## EASTER OFFERING

For many years our church has gathered a special offering for Easter which has been used to support our denomination's local institutions: Bethany Children's Home (\$1,000), Lancaster Theological Seminary (\$1,000) and Phoebe Devitt Homes (\$1,000). Any amount over the amount needed to fulfill these gifts is used to offset our offering to Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) which we have budgeted at \$1,500. Please notice that this is a *special offering* which is in addition to our regular envelopes which support our General Fund or Building Fund. With that understanding, we hope you will give generously to our church and also to the organizations we support.

## COME JOIN THE TEAM!!!

There are Team Roster sign-up sheets on the table in the Narthex and next to the Fellowship Hall doorway. We



need some key players to take positions to help our church. The teams we have listed, so far, are: Pastoral Relations, Building, Kitchen, Nursery, Stewardship and Cleaning. We also have a Fundraising Team but since this is such a diverse area, it is broken down into separate fundraisers – just pick one, or several, where you can play a part. Your participation would last for the “season” or the length of the event. Teams such as Pastoral Relations and Stewardship would probably last a year, whereas, Suppers and the 300 Club would be only until the event took place. Just sign up for whichever team you would like to join and stay on as long as you like. When your “season” is up, you can wait until the next “season” or switch teams and just keep playing.



**Let's build Emmanuel's winning teams!**

## 300 CLUB and SILENT AUCTION

Hurry up and get your tickets for our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual 300 Club fundraiser! Mark your calendars and get ready for a great day of fun, food and prizes. On Saturday, June 16, we will hold our annual 300 Club. For tickets or to help out, please see Allen Dennis and Ron Rinehimer.

## YOUTH ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Our youth have scored high, again. These students have been listed on honor rolls:

### Crestwood High School:

Principal's Honors: Kimmy Bernetski; Kelly Madigan; Alecia Myers  
Honors: Autumn Atkinson; Glynis Dean, Devin Stein; Rachelle Heller; Justin Rinehimer; Allison Bernetski; Courtney Kania

### Crestwood Middle School:

Honors: Hunter Rinehimer

### Rice Elementary:

Honors: Michelle Heller

## KID'S CHOIR

The Kids Choir will still practice at 6:30 pm on Wednesdays in March. We will just keep it moving so that we can be finished before the Lenten Worship Services begin at 7:00 pm.

## MARDI GRAS BRUNCH

Thanks to everyone who stayed for our Mardi Gras Brunch after the worship service on February 19. The food was genuine Southern Fried and delicious. The Fellowship Hall really rocked to the sounds of zydeco and Creole music as the kids had fun making their masks and shakers. Everyone had a great time and we really enjoyed seeing “ya’ll” having fun. You helped us raise \$196 for the Youth Group mission trip this summer. We really appreciate your support since we have a great group going and need to raise as much as possible to help everyone that wants to go.

**Your Youth Group**

## SCOUT SPAGHETTI DINNER

On Saturday, March 31, our Boy Scouts will be holding a spaghetti dinner in the Fellowship Hall. They will be serving this delicious meal from 3 pm to 7 pm. Tickets are \$8 for adults; \$5 for children 12 to 5; and children under 4 are free. You can purchase tickets from Ron or Hunter Rinehimer. You can also buy them at the door.

## PICTURE PERFECT

**Check the front door bulletin board  
for these mug shots!**

Who were those masked marvels? Must be Hunter, Brooke, and Chase Rinehimer and Kimmy Bernetski celebrating Mardi Gras. Hunter, Chase and Kimmy were passing out the beads while Brooke was filling up on all the great food.

Morgan Rinehimer is sitting "Tall in the Saddle" again – that's the name of the 4-H Club to which she belongs. She is pictured receiving an award for Most Improved Member 2011 and recognition for her years of membership in the 4-H Club. Ride 'em, girl!!

The fifth grade students at Rice Elementary participated in the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Program by creating anti-drug/alcohol posters. Several were honored for outstanding work by the Knights of Columbus, including Kristen Kania. The theme this year is "keeping it REAL"!

Scout Sunday was caught on film with the members of Troop 434 and Pack 433 pictured at Emmanuel. The scouts and their leaders did a terrific job taking part in our service. We also enjoyed the refreshments after in the Hall.

Scouts were center stage for a visit to a local TV station. Members of Cub Scout Pack 433 visited WBRE as part of the requirements for their communication pin, while the older guys from Boy Scout Troop 434 worked on their weather badge.

Who's that speeding down the track? The Cub Scouts held their Pinewood Derby on February 19. There's some fine looking racers pictured with their builders.

## NEWSLETTER INFO DEADLINE

The deadline for information for the April Messenger is Friday, March 23. Please get all information to me before this date. Thanks, Denise

## CONSISTORY MEETING

The Consistory will meet on **Thursday, March 15,** at 6:30 pm.

### CURRENT CONSISTORY MEMBERS

President	James Rinehimer
Vice President	Janice Broyan
Secretary	Jill Bernetski
Treasurer	Beverly Kramer
Trustees	Nelson Horwath Jeff Shuman

## UPCOMING DATES

April 1	Palm Sunday (Communion & Coffee Hour)
April 5	Maundy Thursday Service at Emmanuel
April 6	Good Friday Service 12 pm at Christ UMC
April 7	Sunday School Easter Party
April 8	Easter Sunday Communion Services
April 15	Abe Donato Concert at 5 pm
April 21	Turkey Supper
April 23-29	Mother Theresa Haven Week (VISION)

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

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### OUR CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

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Clifford & Gladys Readler  
Nora Cybulski

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2	Jane Rinehimer	14	Devin Stein	29	Joe Huntzinger
3	Carey Hoffman	16	David DeLuca	29	Lois Huntzinger
7	Cindy Heller	21	Lisa Caffrey	31	Gwen Sakowski
7	Dorothy Hoyt	24	Deven Kamat	31	Michael Supkowski
9	Gloria Schreyer	27	Connie Miller	31	Bethany Newell
12	Deb Kishel	28	Brian Heller		
		28	Samantha Kotarsky		
		29	Amanda Bickham		

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

March 20, 1982.....Bob and Helen Heller

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